

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

- 1 Claim 1 (currently amended): A computer-implemented method for managing a  
2 plurality of personal documents, comprising:
  - 3 loading one of the plurality of personal documents into storage, said loaded  
4 document having a category;  
5 determining the document category;  
6 extracting information from said loaded document;  
7 receiving at least one processing rule, wherein the rule is associated with the  
8 document category, and wherein said processing rule embodies ~~information flow~~  
9 ~~knowledge~~information-flow-knowledge between said loaded document and other of said  
10 plurality of personal documents; and  
11 processing said loaded document according to the processing rule and said  
12 extracted information to relate said loaded document with one or more of said other of said  
13 plurality of personal documents.
- 1 Claim 2. (original): The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the  
2 processing rule includes retention criteria for determining how long to save the document.
- 1 Claim 3. (currently amended): A computer system having a processor, a display and  
2 memory, the memory including an operating environment, and a computer-readable  
3 medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method of managing a  
4 plurality of personal documents, comprising:

5 computer-executable instructions for loading one of the plurality of personal  
6 documents into storage, said loaded document having a category;

7 computer-executable instructions for determining the document category;

8 computer-executable instructions for extracting information from said loaded  
9 document

10 computer-executable instructions for receiving at least one processing rule, wherein  
11 the at least one rule is associated with the document category, and wherein said processing  
12 rule embodies ~~information-flow-knowledge~~ information-flow-knowledge between said  
13 loaded document and other of said plurality of personal documents; and

14 computer-executable instructions for processing said loaded document according to  
15 the processing rule and said extracted information to relate said loaded document with one  
16 or more of said other of said plurality of personal documents.

1 Claim 4. (original): The computer system of claim 3, wherein the processing rule  
2 includes retention criteria for determining how long to save the document.

1 Claim 5. (currently amended): A computer program product having a computer-  
2 readable medium holding computer-executable instructions for performing a method for  
3 managing a plurality of personal documents, the method comprising:

4 loading one of the plurality of personal documents into storage, said loaded  
5 document having a category;

6 determining the document category;

7 extracting information from said loaded document;

8 receiving at least one processing rule, wherein the rule is associated with the  
9 document category, and wherein said processing rule embodies ~~information-flow~~  
10 ~~knowledge~~ information-flow-knowledge between said loaded document and other of said  
11 plurality of personal documents; and

12 processing said loaded document according to the processing rule and said  
 13 extracted information to relate said loaded document with one ore more of said other of  
 14 said plurality of personal documents.

1 Claim 6. (original): The computer program product of claim 5, wherein the processing  
 2 rule includes retention criteria for determining how long to save the document.

1 Claim 7. (currently amended): A method for transferring a computer program  
 2 product from one or more first computers to a second computer connected to the one or  
 3 more first computers through a communications medium, comprising:

4 (a) accessing, on the one or more first computers, computer-executable  
 5 instructions, which when executed by a computer, perform the steps of:

6 (1) loading one of a plurality of personal documents into storage, said loaded  
 7 document having a category;

8 (2) determining the document category;

9 (3) extracting information from said loaded document;

10 ~~(((3))4)~~ receiving at least one processing rule, wherein the rule is associated  
 11 with the document category, and wherein said processing rule embodies  
 12 information-flow-knowledge~~information-flow-knowledge~~ between said loaded  
 13 document and other of said plurality of personal documents; and

14 ~~(((4))5)~~ processing said loaded document according to the processing rule  
 15 and said extracted information to relate said loaded document with one ore more of  
 16 said other of said plurality of personal documents; and

17 (b) transferring the computer-executable instructions from the one or more first  
 18 computers to the second computer through the communications medium.

1 Claim 8. (original): The method of claim 7, wherein the processing rule includes  
 2 retention criteria for determining how long to save the document.